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House Majority Leader Praises Parameters Placed on the Distribution of Controlled Substances

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the Judiciary Committee’s passing of HB 7095 Controlled Substances.

“Today the Judiciary Committee took an important step forward in preventing prescription drug abuse in Florida. The Legislature can no longer sit idly by, waiting for weaker regulations to take effect while a staggering number of Floridians continue to die each day. This legislation addresses the source of the prescription drug abuse problem and seeks to stop the egregious actions of drug dealers posing as doctors.

“This legislation prohibits doctors from dispensing the most dangerous substances that are most likely to be abused and gives law enforcement the tools to eradicate the bad actors in Florida’s health industry. The bill does not prohibit doctors from directly administering relief to patients, protecting Floridians with an immediate medical need. By limiting doctors’ ability to dispense dangerous amounts of controlled substances, we can quickly and effectively put an end to the epidemic of prescription drug abuse and protect the credibility of the medical profession in Florida.”

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